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Day-O'Neal-French House

3723 Old Columbia Pike

Private

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**Significance:**

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Day-O'Neal-French House  
other

### 2. Location

street and number 3723 Old Columbia Pike not for publication  
city, town Ellicott City vicinity  
county Howard

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lee & Connie Ellis  
street and number 3723 Old Columbia Pike telephone  
city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 4655 folio 204  
city, town Ellicott City tax map 25A tax parcel 134 tax ID number

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

| Category  | Ownership                                   | Current Function                            | Resource Count   |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture        | Contributing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade     | Noncontributing  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> defense            | 1  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> domestic           | 0  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 |   | <input type="checkbox"/> education          | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary           | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> government         | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> health care        | 1  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> industry           | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape          | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> religion           | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> social             | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation     | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress   | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown            | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use  | 0  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other:             | 0  |
|   |   |   | Total  |
|   |   |   | 1  |
|   |   |   | Number of Contributing Resources<br>previously listed in the Inventory |
|   |   |   | 1  |

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### Condition

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair            | <input type="checkbox"/> altered      |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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### Description:

The Day-O'Neal-French House is located at 3723 Old Columbia Pike, on the southeast side of the road, in Ellicott City in northeastern Howard County, Maryland. The house is set close to the road and faces northwest toward it. It is a three-story, three-bay by two-bay brick structure that appears to have running bond on the northwest elevation and what appears to be four-to-one common bond on the other elevations, though they are patched and all of the brick is painted white, disguising the bond pattern. It has a rubble stone foundation and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. The house has an interior brick chimney on both gable ends. On the southeast elevation is a three-bay by one-bay, two-story, shed-roofed brick addition with a long, shed-roofed frame dormer on it. The ground slopes up steeply behind the house.

The northwest elevation has a door in the west bay with six panels and a stained glass transom that has the street number incorporated into the design. There is a splayed brick jack arch. The other two bays have a six-over-six double hung sash with a splayed brick jack arch, a wood sill, and exterior blinds. The second story has three matching six-over-six double hung sash and the third story has short frieze windows with three-over-three sash, splayed brick jack arches, and blinds. There is a wood box cornice with returns. The southwest elevation has a typical six-over-six sash in the west bay of both stories of the main block, and no openings in the south bay, the third story, or the gable end. There is a six-over-six double hung sash on both stories of the addition. The northeast elevation has a one-story frame addition with German siding and a shed roof that slopes down to the northeast. It is two bays square and has a pentroof on the northwest. It is attached to the east bay of the main block and to the rear addition. The north bay of the main block has a wood six-panel door that has the narrow frieze panels set in the center. The opening has a splayed brick jack arch. The second story has a typical six-over-six double hung sash in the north bay and no opening in the east bay. The third story has two one-over-one sash with wood sills, splayed brick jack arches, and exterior blinds. The second story of the rear addition has a six-over-six sash.

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The frame addition has a six-over-six sash in the north bay of the northwest elevation and a door with nine lights over three lying panels in the west bay. The northeast elevation has a French door in the east bay and a six-over-six sash in the north bay.

## 8. Significance

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| Period  | Areas of Significance                            | Check and justify below                               |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics                    | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine        | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology              | <input type="checkbox"/> education                    | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy          |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering                  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/<br>recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000-                | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage              | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science             |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/<br>settlement   | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> social history      |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history       | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation            |   | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____        |  |

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1842

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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John Day built in brick. He was 28 when he purchased the lot, and brick was generally cheaper than stone, so it was likely economics that drove him to use brick. Nevertheless, he probably laid much of the brick himself. It is not known when he first came to Ellicott City, but stonework on the railroad or the growth of the town that resulted from the railroad could have drawn him here at an early age. In any case, John and Sarah Jane Day sold their house in 1867 to a fellow stone mason, Michael O'Neal. O'Neal is listed in the 1870 census as a 60-year-old native of Ireland, but the following census puts his age at 53. The latter is probably more accurate, and if so, O'Neal may have worked for Day. It is not clear whether Day or O'Neal was responsible for the brick addition on the back of the house. Michael and Mary O'Neal sold their house in 1904 to Mary and John French; he was a driver.<sup>1</sup>

This building was originally misidentified as the George Anderson Shop, later Wessel's Florist. Anderson's is the building to the northeast of this house. There is reportedly a private graveyard behind the house that was established in 1844, but the stones no longer survive. According to Celia Holland, a John Ray buried his infant son here in 1855, and the burial certificate is signed by John Day. The name Ray is almost surely a typo, since the house was never owned by a Ray family. It must have been Day who buried his child behind his home.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> U. S. Bureau of the Census, District 2, Howard County, Maryland, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1910.

<sup>2</sup> Celia M. Holland, *Ellicott City, Maryland: Mill Town, U.S.A.* (Tuxedo, MD: author, 1970, rev. ed. 2003), p. 247.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .062 A  
Acreage of historical setting 1A 7 1/2 P  
Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the property lines for tax map 25A, parcel 134, which encompasses all of the historic structures on the property.

## 11. Form Prepared by

|                 |   |           |              |
|-----------------|---|-----------|--------------|
| name/title      | Ken Short                                     |           |              |
| organization    | Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning | date      | January 2010 |
| street & number | 3430 Courthouse Drive                         | telephone | 410-313-4335 |
| city or town    | Ellicott City                                 | state     | Maryland     |

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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3723 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City  
CHAIN OF TITLE

| GRANTOR/HOME  | GRANTEE/HOME  | DATE   | LIBER/<br>FOLIO               | INSTRU-<br>MENT      | CONSIDER-<br>ATION | ACREAGE                       | NOTES  |
|---|---|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Dolores Stewart Gaudry/?  | Lee E. Ennis<br>David C. Ennis<br>Connie L. Ennis/?                       | 2/15/1999  | MDR<br>4655-204               | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$262,500          | 2,728 sq. ft.                 |  |
| Ellery M. Miller, Jr.<br>Florence A. Miller (H/W)/?   | Dolores Stewart Gaudry/?  | 1/15/1993  | MDR<br>2755-648               | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$179,000          | 2,728 sq. ft.                 |  |
| William R. Stall<br>Anne E. Baker (H/W)/?   | Ellery M. Miller, Jr.<br>Florence A. Miller (H/W)/?                       | 9/6/1985   | CMP<br>1382-418               | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$122,550          | 2,728 sq. ft.                 |  |
| William R. Stall<br>Anne E. Baker / Howard  | William R. Stall<br>Anne E. Baker (H/W)/?                                 | 6/2/1980   | CMP<br>1003-334               | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$0                | 2,728 sq. ft.                 |  |
| William B. Anderson/<br>Howard  | William R. Stall/?  | 10/3/1979  | CMP<br>966-114                | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$105,000          | 2,728 sq. ft.                 |  |
| Lorena D. Puhl<br>Edward P. Puhl (son)/?  | William B. Anderson/<br>Howard  | 5/19/1970  | CMP<br>532-379                | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$5.00             | 2,728 sq. ft.                 |  |
| Kenwick Co./MD Corp   | Lorena D. Puhl<br>Edward P. Puhl (son)/<br>Howard                         | 8/12/1958  | RHM<br>318-522                | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$5.00             | ?                             | SS of Ellicott City to<br>Clarksville State Road<br>No. 16 Columbia Pike                   |
| Lorena D. Puhl, widow/<br>Howard  | Kenwick Co./MD Corp   | 8/12/1958  | RHM<br>318-520                | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$5.00             | ?                             | A.B.P. d. Feb. 1958  |
| J. Karl Schwartz & wife<br>Mildred S./ Howard   | Adolph B. & Lorena D.<br>Puhl (H/W)/ Balto. City                          | 2/15/1957  | RHM<br>294-40                 | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$5.00             | 2,737 sq. ft.                 | AKA "Old French Property"  |
| Murray G. Peddicord & wife<br>Helen S. / Howard   | J. Karl & Mildred S.<br>Schwartz (H/W)/?                                  | 12/23/1948   | MWB<br>207-530                | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$5.00             | 2,737 sq. ft.                 | AKA "Old French Property"  |
| Charles M. & Helen W.<br>Scott (H/W)/ Howard  | Murray G. & Helen S.<br>Peddicord (H/W)/ Howard                           | 2/28/1947  | BM Jr.<br>196-6               | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$5.00             | 2,737 sq. ft.                 | \$2,000 mortgage   |
| Harold N. & Selma H.<br>Taylor (H/W)/ Howard  | Charles M. & Helen W.<br>Scott(H/W)/ Howard                               | 2/25/1946  | BM Jr.<br>188-548             | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$5.00             | 2,737 sq. ft.                 |  |
| Isaac H. & Rose Taylor<br>(H/W)/ Howard   | Harold N. & Selma H.<br>Taylor (H/W)/ Howard                              | 3/16/1943  | BM Jr.<br>177-300             | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$5.00             | 1. 20.3 A<br>2. 2,737 sq. ft. | 2 Parcels  |
| Kathryn M. Gerber, widow<br>Mary G. French, single<br>John J. French, single/<br>Balto. Co. | Isaac H. & Rose Taylor<br>(H/W)/?   | 7/11/1941  | BM Jr.<br>171-75              | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$5.00             | 2,737 sq. ft.                 | Thomas J. French dec'd &<br>divorced (1921)<br>Mary French d. 12/24/1930 –<br>resided here |
| Mary French   | Kathryn M. Gerber<br>Mary G. French<br>John J. French<br>Thomas J. French | <u>Written</u><br>12/22/1930<br><u>Probated</u><br>1/13/1931 | <u>Wills</u><br>MFB 7-<br>267 | Bequest              |                    |                               |  |



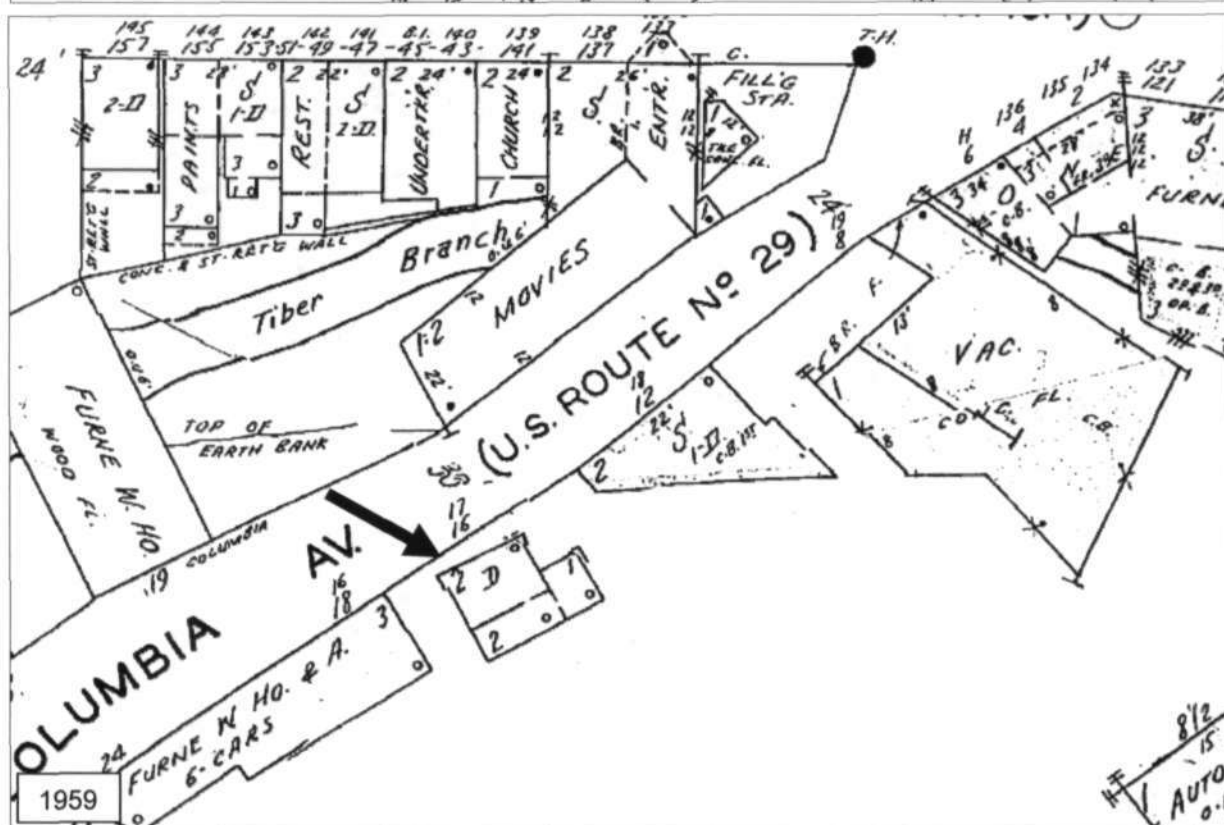
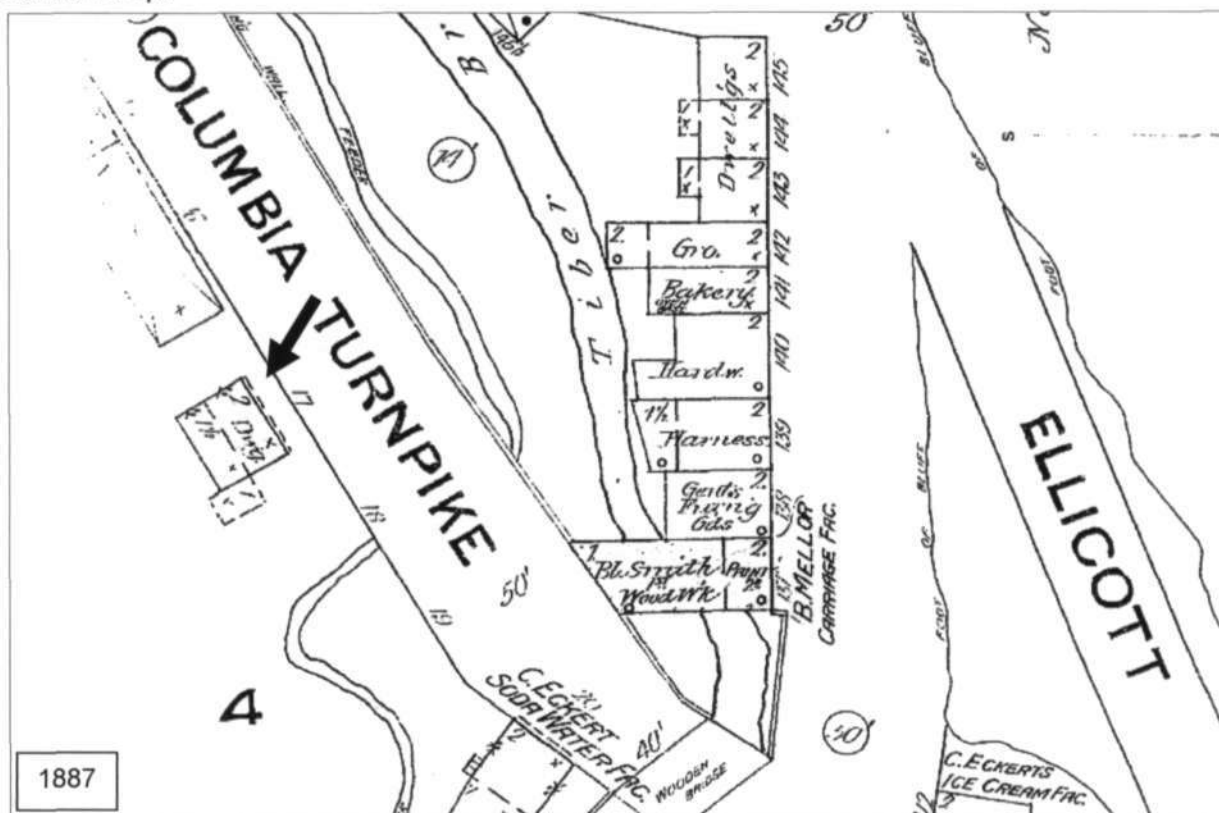
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|---|---|------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|--|
| Katherine T. O'Neal<br>John J. O'Neal & wife Mary/<br>Norfolk, Va. /McKeesport,<br>PA                                 | Mary French/ Howard                               | 5/19/1906  | WWLC<br>82-225          | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$1.00             | ?             | Grantors are heirs of Michael<br>O'Neal  |
| Mary O'Neal, widow of<br>Michael<br>Julia O'Neal /?   | Mary French wife of John<br>French/ Ellicott City | 3/3/1904   | WWLC<br>82-224          | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$5.00             | 1,874 sq. ft. |  |
| John Day & wife Sara Jane/<br>Howard  | Michael O'Neal & wife<br>Mary/ Howard             | 3/30/1867  | WWW<br>27-50            | Deed –<br>Indenture  | \$1,000            | 1,874 sq. ft. | Metes & bounds of earlier<br>deed incorrect  |
| John Day & wife Sara Jane/<br>Howard.   | Michael O'Neal/ Howard                            | 1/14/1865  | WWW<br>23-537           | Deed –<br>Fee Simple | \$1,000            | Lot 50 x 60'  | In Ellicott's Mills on<br>Columbia Turnpike "at the<br>foot of the stone steps leading<br>to the Friends or Quaker<br>Meeting House" |
| George Ellicott & wife<br>Agnes B./ Howard. Dist AA<br>Co.  | John Day/ Howard. Dist.,<br>AA Co.                | 5/11/1842  | JLM<br>3-319            | Deed –<br>Indenture  | \$250              | 1 A 7 ½ p.    | p/o West Ilchester, lot 11 in<br>deed of partition between<br>George Ellicott et al<br>10/18/1830                                    |
| Evan T. Ellicott<br>Andrew Ellicott/Balto. City   | George Ellicott/Balto. Co.                        | 3/19/1841  | JLM<br>1-337            | Deed –<br>Indenture  | \$5,000            | ?             | Lots 11, 14 in Howard<br>Lots 21, 24, 25, 27, 29 in<br>Balto. Co.  |
| George Ellicott/Balto. Co.<br>Samuel Ellicott/Balto. City<br>Andrew Ellicott/Balto. City<br>John Ellicott/Balto. City |   | 10/18/1830 | WSG<br>15-531<br>AA Co. | Deed of<br>Partition | —                  | 41 Lots       | Andrew & John get lots 4, 7,<br>11, 14, 17, 21, 24, 25, 27, 29,<br>33, 36, 40 & 41<br>See also 15-524                                |

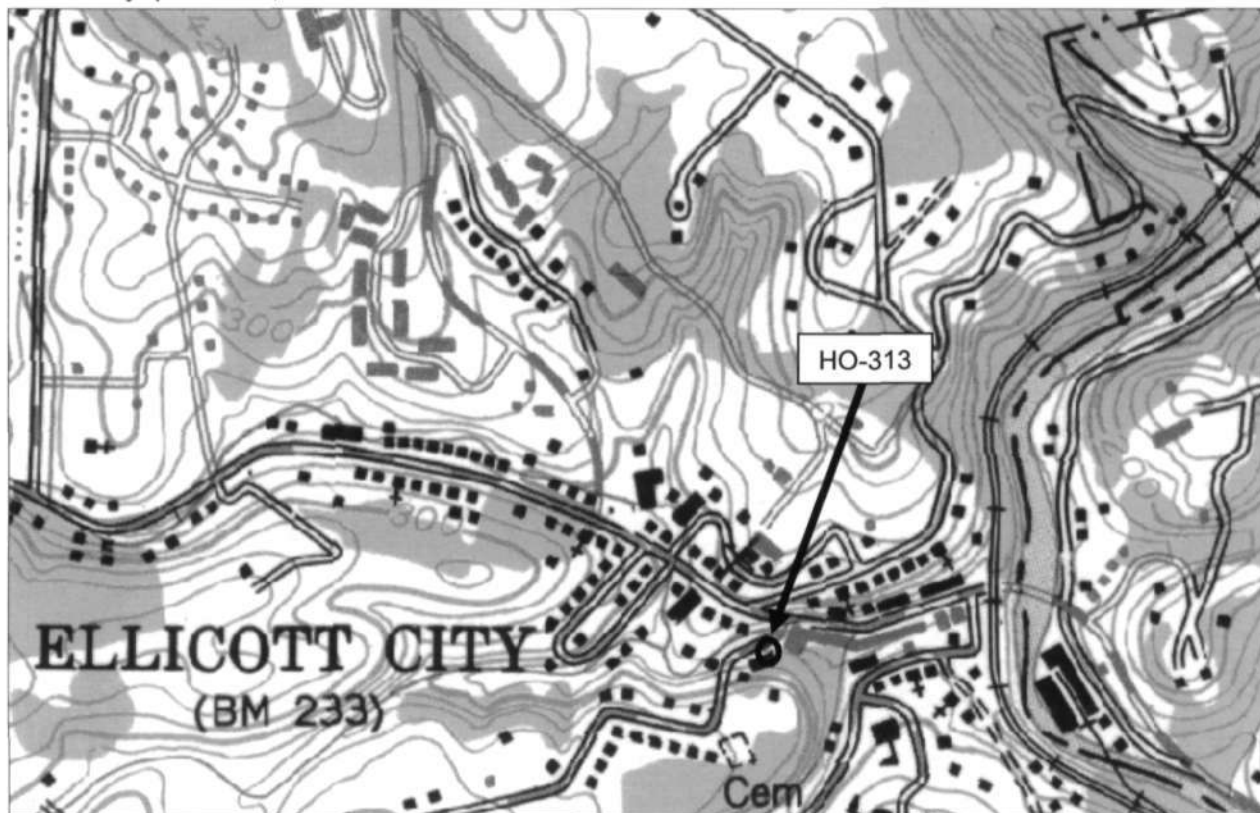


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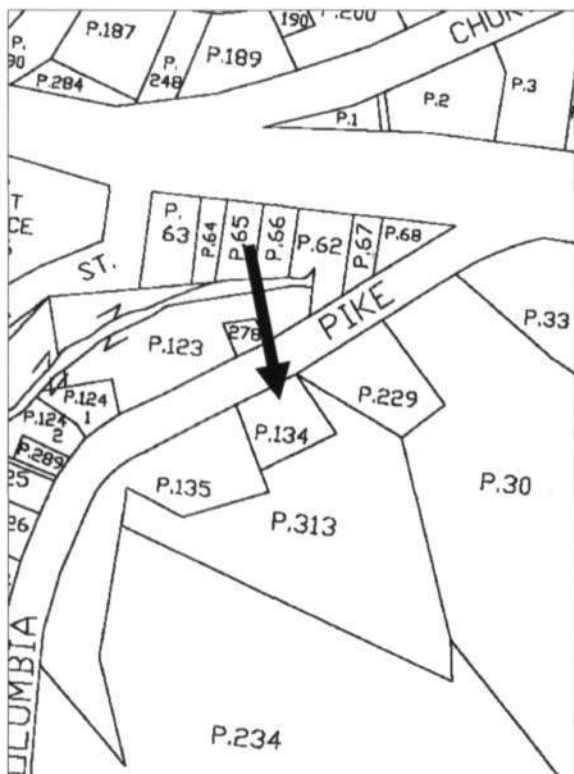


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Ellicott City quad 1953, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



Tax Map 25A, Parcel 134

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010



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North elevation



West elevation





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Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera  
HP Premium Plus paper  
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Northeast & northwest elevations

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